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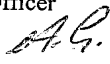
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))

☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)

☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1 as originally filed/furnished

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☒ the claims:

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☐ the description, pages

☐ the claims, Nos.

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages

☐ the claims, Nos.

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims 1-26 | YES |
| | Claims | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims 1-26 | YES |
| | Claims | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims 1-26 | YES |
| | Claims | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Cited Prior Art Documents

D1: GB 2331284 A (BAKER) 19 May 1999
D2: US 4681238 A (SANCHEZ) 21 July 1987
D3: FR 2799442 A1 (BENAROUCH MARCEL) 13 April 2001
D4: US 5358136 A (RUBENDALL) 25 October 1994
D5: US 2003/0000952 A1 (DYREN) 2 January 2003
D6: DE 9005150 U1 (WILDHIRT) 30 August 1990

NOVELTY(N) AND INVENTIVE STEP(IS): Claims 1-26 (YES)

The invention relates to a cap to close an open end of a hollow body of a beverage container. The cap has a main portion and a severable portion to create a dispensing aperture. The cap also has a closure member with a handle which is positioned within the container. After the portion is severed the handle extends through the dispensing aperture to enable the closure member to be moved between closed and open positions.

None of the above documents, taken singly or in obvious combination, disclose all the features of invention as now defined in independent claims 1 and 2. In particular none of the documents disclose a cap wherein the severed portion is moved inwardly into the container and that the closure member is contacted by the severed portion while moving into the container to thereby cause the closure member to move to a position where the handle of the closure member extends through the dispensing aperture.

Therefore the invention of claims 1 and 2, as well as appended claims 3 to 26; is considered to be novel and involve an inventive step over the above documents.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY(IA): Claims 1-26 (YES)

The invention as defined in claims 1 to 26 meets the requirement of industrial applicability because the cap can be made or used in industry.